

REMARKS

Claim 1 and 3-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claim 1 is amended, Claim 2 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claims 9-18 are withdrawn. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is presented herein

Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1 and 3-8 and 12-16. If Group I is elected, the Office Action further requires an election of a single species. Therefore, Applicant further elects the species directed to a seal-separator conjugation for a fuel cell directed to Claims 1 and 3-8, as amended herein.

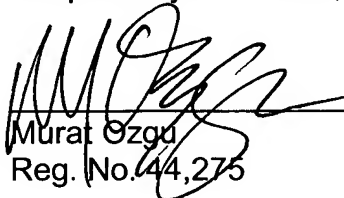
This election is made without traverse. Consideration and allowance of the pending claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, an early examination and a favorable action on the merits on Claims 1 and 3-8 is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,


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